

yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motion be in order.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Loretta E. Lynch, of New York, to be Attorney General.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 164), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—165) Pages S2371, H2378

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:48 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2417.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met to consider matters related to markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the successes of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to deliver safe, efficient, and effective public transportation services and projects, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Melaniphy, American Public Transportation Association, Janet Kavinoky, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Harry Lombardo, Transport Workers Union of America, all of Washington, D.C.; and Barbara K. Cline, Community Transportation Association of America, Spearfish, South Dakota.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on airport issues and infrastructure financing, after receiving testimony from Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, and Michael J. Minerva, American Airlines, both of Washington, D.C.; Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; and Mark M. Reis, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: On Wednesday, April 22, 2015, Committee ordered favorably reported:

S. 995, to establish congressional trade negotiating objectives and enhanced consultation requirements for trade negotiations, to provide for consideration of trade agreements, with amendments;

An original bill relating to extension of the trade adjustment assistance program, and amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for health insurance costs of certain eligible individuals;

An original bill to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti; and

An original bill to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

IMPACT OF THE MEDICAL DEVICE TAX ON JOBS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine the impact of the medical device tax on jobs, innovation, and patients, after receiving testimony from Bruce A. Heugel, BBraun of America, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Quinton J. Farrar, West Surry Strategies, LLC, Keene, New Hampshire; Alyra Donisvitch, Manchester, Maine; and Mark Judge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Brodi L. Fontenot, of Louisiana, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, and Rafael J. Lopez, of California, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), after receiving testimony from Thomas H. Hart, ONE Campaign, Scott Eisner, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Walker A. Williams, Leadership Africa USA, and Cathy Feingold, AFL-CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and William McRaith, PVH Corp., New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, Kara Farnandez Stoll, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Roseann A. Ketchmark, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

CENTRAL AMERICAN MINORS REFUGEE/PAROLE PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's Central American minors refugee/parole program, after receiving testimony from Joseph Langlois, Associate Director, Refugee, Asylum and International Operations Di-

rectorate, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; Simon Henshaw, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; Doris Meissner, Migration Policy Institute, Igor V. Timofeyev, former Director of Immigration Policy and Special Advisor for Refugee and Asylum Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, Paul Hastings, Anastasia Brown, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services, Jessica M. Vaughan, Center for Immigration Studies, all of Washington, D.C.; and Jan C. Ting, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 552, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to provide for increased limitations on leverage for multiple licenses under common control;

S. 957, to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs to help create jobs;

S. 958, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for team and joint venture offers for certain contracts, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 966, to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 967, to require the Small Business Administration to make information relating to lenders making covered loans publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 999, to amend the Small Business Act to provide for improvements to small business development centers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1000, to strengthen resources for entrepreneurs by improving the SCORE program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1001, to establish authorization levels for general business loans for fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.